

## **MEMORANDUM**

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TO:

Arkansas Mayors and County Judges

FROM:

Frances McSwain, AHPP Director

DATE:

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RE:

National Historic Preservation Month 2016

May has been designated National Historic Preservation Month, and the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, as it has for the past 24 years, is asking every mayor and county judge in Arkansas to issue a proclamation calling for local celebration of the event. This is particularly important this year – the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act. A sample copy of the suggested proclamation is enclosed.

The AHPP will write and mail out news releases announcing the proclamations, so we will need to have a copy of your proclamation no later than **Monday**, **April 25**, **2016**, to allow the AHPP time to write and deliver press releases to all of your local news media. Please mail a copy of the proclamation to Preservation Month Proclamations, AHPP, 323 Center Street, Suite 1500, Little Rock, AR 72201, or send a copy via fax to (501) 324-9184. If you have any questions, please call Mark Christ of my staff at (501) 324-9886 or send him an e-mail message at mark@arkansasheritage.org.

Mayors and county judges from 63 Arkansas counties issued proclamations for National Historic Preservation Month 2015. We hope to see proclamations from all 75 counties this year, which will be a first for this annual observance. Thank you for participating!